

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

DEC 07 2006

TREXLER, BUSHNELL, GIANGIORGIO, BLACKSTONE & MARR, LTD.

COUNSELORS AT LAW

RICHARD R. TREXLER (1906-1993)

RICHARD BUSHNELL (1926-2004)

RICHARD A. GIANGIORGIO

RAIFORD A. BLACKSTONE, JR.

DAVID J. MARR

LINDA L. PALOMAR

JAMES R. FOLEY

JAMES A. O'MALLEY

TIMOTHY M. McCARTHY

THE CLARK ADAMS BUILDING
105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 3600
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603-6210
(312) 704-1890

FOUNDED 1890

PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT
AND RELATED MATTERS; ALL PHASES
INCLUDING LICENSING AND LITIGATION

FAX: (312) 704-8023
www.trexlaw.com

FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

TOTAL PAGES (Including Cover Page) 3 DATE: December 7, 2006

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

TO: _____ FROM: Raiford A. Blackstone, Reg. No. 25,156

FAX NO: (571) 273-8300 FAX NO: (312) 704-8023

If you experience any difficulty with this transmission, please call (312) 704-1890 for assistance.

ORIGINAL COPY AND ENCLOSURES

— WILL BE SENT BY MAIL COURIER

WILL NOT BE SENT

NOTES:

Inventor: Bremner et al.

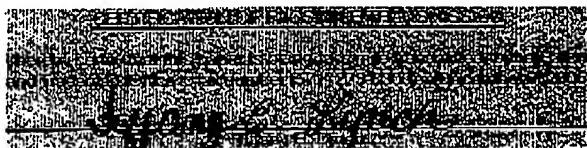
For: SYSTEM FOR SENSING THE
DELIVERY OF GASES TO A PATIENT

Serial No.: 10/533,411

Filed: October 17, 2005

Art Unit: 3772

Atty Docket No.: 1171/42784/157-PCT-US



IMPORTANT NOTICE

This transmission (including all attached pages) is intended only for the use of the named addressee(s), and may contain information that is privileged or exempt from disclosure under applicable law. **IF YOU ARE NOT A NAMED ADDRESSEE, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY USE, DISSEMINATION, DISTRIBUTION OR COPYING OF THIS TRANSMISSION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** If you have received this transmission in error, please destroy all copies and notify us immediately at this telephone number: (312) 704-1890.

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

DEC 07 2006

1171/42784/157-PCT-US.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Bremner et al.)
Serial No.: 10/533,411)
Filed: October 17, 2005)
For: SYSTEM FOR SENSING THE)
DELIVERY OF GASES TO A)
PATIENT)
Art Unit: 3772)
Atty. Ref.: 1171/42784/157-PCT-US)

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office to fax number (571) 273-8300 on December 7, 2006.



Tiffany E. Lynch

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

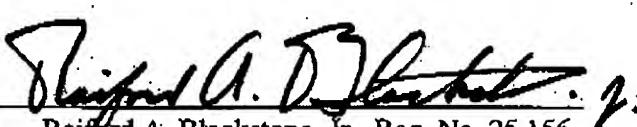
Applicant, by and through its attorneys of record, respectfully requests a report as to the status of the above-noted application. This application was filed on April 29, 2005, and accorded a filing date of October 17, 2005 under 35 U.S.C. §371, and, as of the date of this letter, no Office Action has been received and there is no "First Action Prediction" listed on the Patent Office website for this matter. The purpose of this letter is to ensure that an Office Action has not been misdirected in the mail and, if no Office Action has been forwarded, Applicant requests

an estimate as to when it might expect an Office Action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Dec. 7, 2006

By:



Raiford A. Blackstone, Jr., Reg. No. 25,156

Linda L. Palomar, Reg. No. 37,903

Attorneys for Applicant

TREXLER, BUSHNELL, GIANGIORGI,
BLACKSTONE & MARR, LTD.

105 West Adams Street, 36th Floor

Chicago, Illinois 60603-6299

Tel: (312) 704-1890

9E7769.WPD